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CONGRATULATING RICH FELTS ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. MANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great Kansan, Rich Felts, and to congratulate him on his retirement from a career of service to Kansas farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers.

Rich has always been a tireless advocate for agriculture. He earned his degree in animal science from Kansas State University, after which he began his service to Kansas Farm Bureau at the county level, holding many different leadership and volunteer positions. Now, after having served as the president of Kansas Farm Bureau for 8 years, Rich will be retiring on December 5.

As a partner in Felts Farms, a grain and livestock operation near Liberty, Kansas, Rich has been through it all, and he brought his firsthand experience with him to Kansas Farm Bureau, where he never failed to empathize with local producers.

Congratulations on a job well done, Rich. Thank you for stewarding the legacy of Kansas Farm Bureau so well. I know that Shirley and your children, Cynthia, Darren, Ryan, and Kimberly are so proud of you. Your leadership has been an inspiration and a model to us all. Congratulations.

LUNG CANCER SCREENING SAVES LIVES

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, lung cancer is the deadliest form of cancer in the United States, yet only 6 percent of people eligible get screened, and that number decreases among underserved populations.

Prevention and early detection are the best protections against lung cancer. That is why we have introduced the Increasing Access to Lung Cancer Screening Act. This bill expands coverage for and improves access to lung cancer screening. It also provides new coverage for tobacco cessation, as smoking is a major cause of lung cancer.

Our bill builds on the work of Buffalo's Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center. I ask my colleagues to join me and Representative Castor in supporting this legislation that will enhance the goals set through the President's Cancer Moonshot to save lives and end cancer as we know it.

BIDEN SOUTHERN BORDER CRISIS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Biden and Democrats have failed to secure the southern border. Since Biden took office, over 1 million illegal aliens have evaded apprehension, including 60,000 in October.

Among the 4 million who have illegally crossed the border since Biden are professional mass murderers on the terrorist screening database. American families are at greater risk than ever of mass murder, which is why voters elected a Republican House majority to fight for effective border enforcement.

As the co-chair of the French-American Caucus and of French heritage myself, I was grateful yesterday to have been present with President Emmanuel Macron at the Library of Congress.

South Carolina appreciates both the Marquis de Lafayette, who landed at Georgetown in 1777 to support the American Revolution, with his portrait here in the Chamber, and Michelin Tire Corporation, whose Lexington groundbreaking I attended this week in 1979, now the largest Michelin manufacturing facility in the world.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism, sadly which continues, now moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF DEBRA WALKER

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life of my dear friend Debra Walker, who has recently gained her wings.

Debra was one of the most thoughtful, kindest human beings. She was an artist, crafter, poet, and spoken word performer

She founded and led Power in Poetry Experience of Detroit, served as their treasurer and on the boards of many local nonprofits, and traveled the world training people on cost reduction methods.

She was a loving mother, grandmother, neighbor, and community member. My sons have always known her as Gabriel's grandmother.

Debra would always show up for anyone, and she did it with her full, authentic self.

I am sending her daughters, grandbabies, and family prayers of strength. We will miss Debra.

CONGRATULATING DR. TONY BRANNON ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. COMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Tony Brannon on his well-deserved retirement.

Dr. Brannon grew up on a small family farm and at an early age began to

participate in the Future Farmers of America events. His dedication to the FFA program and agricultural community would only grow.

He completed a bachelor's degree in agricultural education from Murray State in 1981, a master's degree in 1982, and a Ph.D. at Oklahoma State University in 1988.

Dr. Brannon's heart never left Murray State, though. Legend has it he even wrote in soap on his bathroom mirror "MSU" as a reminder of his goal to come back to Murray State.

He returned to Murray State as a faculty member in agricultural education and mechanization. In 2005, he was named the dean of the School of Agriculture. For nearly 35 years, he has molded a generation of new agricultural leaders in Kentucky.

As many gather to celebrate Dr. Brannon's retirement, I thank him for his commitment to the MSU community, service to the Kentucky FFA Foundation, and unwavering passion for helping thousands of students achieve their dreams.

PROTECTING THE PLANET FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the climate crisis and clean energy investments we need to continue as we double down on the work we started this Congress to protect a planet of clean air and clean water for future generations.

During the district work period, I hosted a conference on climate action and clean energy at Olin College of Engineering in Needham, Massachusetts. Across three panels of experts, we covered policy and industry, clean energy science and technology, and international affairs.

Despite the challenges we discussed, I am optimistic. There is growing political will, abundant talent and innovation, and increasing global cooperation around the imperative of a clean energy transition.

Next Congress we must build on that political will in order to achieve a future of clean air, clean water, and clean energy that is too cheap to meter.

$\begin{array}{c} \text{HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL} \\ \text{WHEAT} \end{array}$

(Mr. STAUBER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Daniel Wheat, a young man from Duluth, Minnesota, who recently passed away.

When Daniel was born, doctors told his parents that he would never walk or talk, but he proved them wrong. While Daniel happened to have been born with Down syndrome, he didn't let it stop him from living his life to the fullest and bringing happiness to everyone around him.

Daniel lived a life filled with service to the Duluth community. His warm heart and sense of humor brought endless joy to his family, friends, and anyone else who was lucky enough to have met him.

From playing the drums and cymbals in Duluth East High School's band to winning gold, silver, and bronze medals in powerlifting for Team USA at the International Special Olympic Games, Daniel lived every day to the fullest. We should all work to embody a perspective like Daniel's by living each day to its highest potential.

Daniel Wheat was an inspiration to his family, and our entire community is better off because he was in our lives. I pray that God watches over the Wheat family as they grieve and remember him.

CORPORATE CRIME DATABASE IS CRITICAL

(Ms. SCANLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, this week I proudly joined Senator DURBIN and Senator BLUMENTHAL in introducing the Corporate Crime Database Act, bicameral legislation that requires the Department of Justice to collect, aggregate, analyze, and publish comprehensive data on Federal corporate criminal enforcement actions.

While the Department of Justice regularly collects data on nearly every type of street-level crime, there is currently very little reporting of corporate and white-collar crimes.

A Federal corporate crime database is critical to bolstering corporate crime law enforcement and holding wrongdoers accountable. But the last thorough DOJ report on corporate crime was in 1979.

Without data or transparency, law-makers, journalists, and the public are left in the dark about the size and scope of corporate crime in America and the effectiveness of the Federal Government's response.

By requiring the DOJ to collect and analyze information regarding enforcement actions, publish a database of the enforcement actions, and submit an annual report to Congress, the Corporate Crime Database Act will deter future crimes and protect victims.

I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this commonsense legislation to curtail corporate crime.

REMEMBERING DR. GLENN BLODGETT

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life and the legacy of Dr. Glenn Blodgett, known to most as Doc Blodgett. Doc Blodgett passed away at the age of 73 on November 21, surrounded by loved ones.

Doc Blodgett spent more than 40 years managing the horse division at the Four Sixes Ranch in Texas. Blodgett led the ranch's team of veterinary staff. He oversaw all veterinary practices and reproductive services, including horse breeding. Nearly 1,500 mares were bred from the ranch each year.

Outside of his work at the Four Sixes Ranch, Doc served on the board of the American Association of Equine Practitioners and in 2019 was inducted into the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Earlier this year, I had the great privilege of traveling to the Four Sixes Ranch and interacting with Doc Blodgett and the legendary horse program at the ranch. One thing was clear during the visit, Doc Blodgett was incredibly passionate about his work. He was a master of his practice and someone who left an irreplaceable mark on the equine industry.

Doc Blodgett is survived by his loving wife of more than 50 years, Karen Wright, his two daughters, four grand-daughters, and one grandson.

Madam Speaker, please join me in keeping Karen, the Blodgett family, and Doc Blodgett's friends in your prayers.

REMEMBERING FELIPE VALLS

(Mr. GIMENEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mourn the loss and honor the incredible life of Mr. Felipe Valls.

Felipe Valls was a giant of the Cuban exile community in Miami and founded the iconic Versailles Restaurant in Little Hayana.

Valls was born in Santiago de Cuba in 1933. He attended the prestigious Riverside Military Academy in Georgia and returned to his hometown after graduating in 1950. When he was 27 years old, Valls escaped the Communist revolution with his wife and two children.

In Miami, he found work in the restaurant business; first as a busboy, and then at a restaurant equipment company. He then opened International Equipment Company, which sold restaurant equipment such as refrigeration, air conditioners, and espresso machines that he imported from Europe.

It was at this time that Valls invented the ventanita, the now ubiquitous window stands where locals gather for their morning shot of Cuban coffee. In 1971, Valls opened Versailles Restaurant on Calle Ocho. Today, it is the most famous Cuban restaurant in Miami and possibly the world.

Versailles is a culinary, social, and cultural landmark in Miami. It has served delicious Cuban pastries, sandwiches, and cafecitos for more than 50

years. It is one of the first places that any visitor to Miami will go, and three U.S. Presidents have eaten there.

In Felipe Valls' own words, Versailles "is where you come to take the pulse of our community... Versailles is the Cuban exile that refuses to kneel down." I believe that Versailles is the heart of the Cuban exile community in Miami.

Felipe is survived by his loving children and grandchildren, who continue his family's proud legacy. His long life reflected those of so many hardworking Cuban exiles who built a new community in Miami. He will be missed. May he rest in peace.

$\begin{array}{c} \text{CONGRATULATING LEANDREA} \\ \text{MIKELL} \end{array}$

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate LeAndrea Mikell, the executive director for government and community engagement at Savannah State University for making the annual Georgia Trend 40 under 40 list.

LeAndrea grew up in Hardeeville, South Carolina, right on the other side of the river from Savannah. Though she didn't grow up in Savannah proper, LeAndrea lives and breathes our city.

She began her professional life in the city as a student at Savannah State University, where she interned for the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, then went on to work for the Savannah Morning News, then to the World Trade Center in Savannah, then back to her alma mater.

Today, LeAndrea works with students, residents, and elected officials to provide better opportunities for young people across the region to prepare them for the success they deserve.

It is citizens like LeAndrea who make Savannah the tight-knit community it is. We are so lucky to have such talented people like her working to secure a better and brighter future for the students in our city.

I thank Georgia Trend for including her in its 40 under 40 list, and to thank LeAndrea for the important work that she does for her university and for our city.

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HONORING FRANK SCHIEFELBEIN, JR.

(Mrs. FISCHBACH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of a staple in Minnesota's farm community, Frank Schiefelbein. Frank passed away earlier this week on his beloved farm.

Frank, better known as "Big Frank," led a life centered around faith, family,